

February 16, 2010
Tuesday

Reading Groups

The students had their first meetings as a group. They got their books and started a bulletin board.

Reading Stars

I am looking for volunteers to stop by and meet one-on-one with students about their reading. I think I need to show this year's third graders that they ARE readers. If you could meet with them and conduct an interview about their book, it will be most helpful. It is a quick "check-in" with students, but I am looking to cover these standards. You would not need to cover every time, but look at a student's record sheet and see if they've asked about connections yet or if they only answer about characters each time. Help them grow as readers.

ask about: characters/setting (the who and where)
 plot/action (what is happening? the conflict)
 grammar/punctuation (what is a paragraph? - indented;
how do you know someone is talking? - quotation marks; the basic mechanics
of what you see on the printed page and what you use to write.

connections - is something in this book the same as
another book or story? A connection to something in your life? what might
the author know about if he/she wrote this story? (EB White knew a lot
about farms when he sat down to write Charlotte's Web.)

grammar/subject & predicate - can the student identify
the subject of the sentence? the predicate? Can the student take a sentence
and point out a noun (person, place or thing) and the verb (action)? How about
an adjective (describes a noun)? A pronoun (takes the place of a noun, for
example he, she, they)? Proper nouns and common nouns.

Book Orders

Book orders are due March 2. We have so many order forms that I am not able to put all of them online. The limit is five.

Green homework sheet

proper nouns (capitalized) and common nouns: page 175 from the reading workbook and an over-sized pink sheet. This the second time we have worked on the pink sheet. They should used their initials to give the first letter. It is hard and they need to consult a dictionary or encyclopedia for ideas. Some letters you may have to give up on ... but they were quitting way, way too

soon. If you truly can't find a person/place or thing that starts with the initial, then give a different word. I'll let you know if someone else found something. For example, some students said there isn't a noun that is a person that starts with a small a (common noun). But then Bridget said "astronaut" and another found "ambassador."

spelling ABC order. Cut up the words. Place in order on top of the numbered squares. After you have them in order THEN glue them in place.

Math hw: tell someone how the multiplication table works. ask them to sign off on it.

Thank you.